



January 8 – January 14

Tuesday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration and Rosary-11:00am

Wednesday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration and Rosary-11:00am

Thursday: Mass-12:00pm

Adoration and Rosary-11:00am

Sunday

8:00am - English, Holy Family

9:30am - English, St. Paul

12:00pm - Misa Español, St. Paul

5:00pm – English/Español, St. William .

**St. Paul Catholic
Church and Missions**

**Iglesia Católica San
Pablo y Misiones**

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In case of extreme emergency only call: 912-278-1567

Church email: saintpaul@windstream.net

Parish Website: www.stpaulmissions.org

Confessions: Every Saturday from
5:00-6:00 at St. Paul, or by appointment

St. William Catholic Church

807 S. Merrimac Dr., Fitzgerald

Holy Family Catholic Church

126 Holy Family Rd., Willacoochee

Administration □ Administración

Pastor: Rev. Paul O'Connell

Deacon Ron Milkas

Church Secretary: Janet Benton

PARISH RETREAT ST. PAUL, DOUGLAS

**"BECOMING THE EUCHARIST
WE CELEBRATE"**

Saturday, February 3, 2024

8:00am – 3:00pm

**8:00am - Beginning with Mass for the
Forgiveness of Sins and Examination of
Conscience with General Absolution**

All are Welcome

We hope you can set aside time for reflection and
prayer for the Lord.

FYI
~FOR YOUR INFORMATION~

Please Help!

**We need sponsors to please sign up \$20
donation for Coffee & Donuts for 2024.**

**Coffee & Donuts Sponsors for January
Cindy Smith; Matt & Sandye Jarrard; Eddie
& Lisa McKinnon**

CALL TO CARE (January-March)

**T-Shirts, Underwear, and Socks
All Sizes – Boys and Girls
Thank you for your support
Ladies Auxiliary**

**Ushers for January
Matt Jarrard, John Thomas Jarrard and
Andrew Smith**

AN ACCOUNT OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul

FY Offertory Budget	\$275,000.00
Received to date	141,343.00
Received 12-31-23	5930.00
FY Bldg Fund Budget	\$65,000.00
Received to date	20,145.00
Received 12-31-23	120:00

St. Paul 12-31-23	Additional Collect.
Catholic Schools	25.00

Offertory: St. William
Sunday (12-31-23): \$335.00

Offertory: Holy Family
Sunday (12-31-23): \$269.00

PLEASE REMEMBER:

No Food to be eaten in classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, Day Chapel or Main Church—food may only be eaten in the Social Hall

**CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
Visit website:**

www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection Or call 888-357-5330 to report knowledge of abuse.

OUR WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ARMED
FORCES**

Jose Bardomiano, Brenda Contreras, Sgt. Blake Downs (N. Carolina), MSgt. Emmanuel Gamboa (New Mexico), Kristopher Lentz, April M. Martin (Japan), Michael Martinez, CW3 Jeb S. McKinnon (USA), Martin Rios, Candise R. Rolerson (Wichita Falls, TX), Juan Vargas, Erick Vilches, Octavio Rodriguez, Rolando Chavez.

Pray for us that we may be healed.

Francesco Abbondanza, Liza Agullo, Tullis Allen, Brenda Atkinson, James Bookhardt, Ann Branch, Logan Brigmond, Mary Brown, Ernestine Bryant, Steve Bueneing, Ricardo Jose Camarillo, Cindy Carter, Amber Carver, Lee Ann Cash, Toby Cash, Calvin & Gail Carver, Jack Chaney, Rory Chaney, Bill Cummings, Dan Curte, James Dennis, David Ellis, Isabel Espinoza, Jerry Feltman, Eloise Ferguson, Fr. Daniel Firman, Antonio Guerrero, Michael & Michelle Gilliard, Denise Goyette, Amy Paulk Grist, Judy Hackett, Michael Hackett, Robert Hackett, Lidia Harper, Judy Hattaway, Katrina Havelock, Mary Hayes, Jamie Hersey, Debra Heveder, Elaine Hinson, June Houston, Braylynn Hughes, Matthew Humphrey, George Irving, Oscar Kirkland, Amanda Knight, Ann Koch, Stacy Lewis, Tommy Lindsey, Andrew Lott, Roxanne Maini, Paul & Regina McGlynn, Aldo Meza, Deacon Ron Milkas, Barbara Miller, Dale Moon, Rachelle Navarro, Elaine Newhart, Irene Nolan, Marilyn Perkins, Terry Oates, Bobby O'Neal, D. J. O'Neal, Trisha Pape, Violet Pappy, Karen Paulk, Lou Pierce, Mike Pierce, Cubias Perez, Robin Pierce, Michael Pozzanghera, Dane Pranke, Kenny Purvis, Nicole Rigdon, Danny Ross, Johan Saavedra, Tony Scaccia, Betty Spears, Stephanie Stone, Gene Thewes, Caitlin Thurman, Denver Thurman, Pablino Tinajero, Summer Van Hook, Egdal Gonzalez Vazquez, Marissa Vickers, Gene Waldron, Charles Westman, Kathy White, Melissa Williams, Warren Winters, A.D. Young, Mary Young



Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Devotion of the Month

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

Your Holy Light



Jesus, joy of loving hearts, Font of life and light of all, From the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfulfilled to you again. Jesus, ever with us stay; Make all our moments calm and bright; Chase the dark night of sin away; Shed over the world your holy light. Amen.

11th century Latin hymn

Live streaming every weekend



Please join us for live streaming of all weekend masses and ones of special occasions. Live streaming can watched on FaceBook (St Paul Catholic Church) page and our website page, stpaulmissions.org All masses are archieved on our website for viewing anytime.



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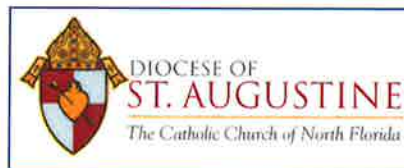
"Our Heavenly Father does not take steps back in his love for us, ever! He always goes forward and if He cannot go forward He waits for us, but He never goes backward; He wants his children to be brave and take their steps forward.

-Pope Francis



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

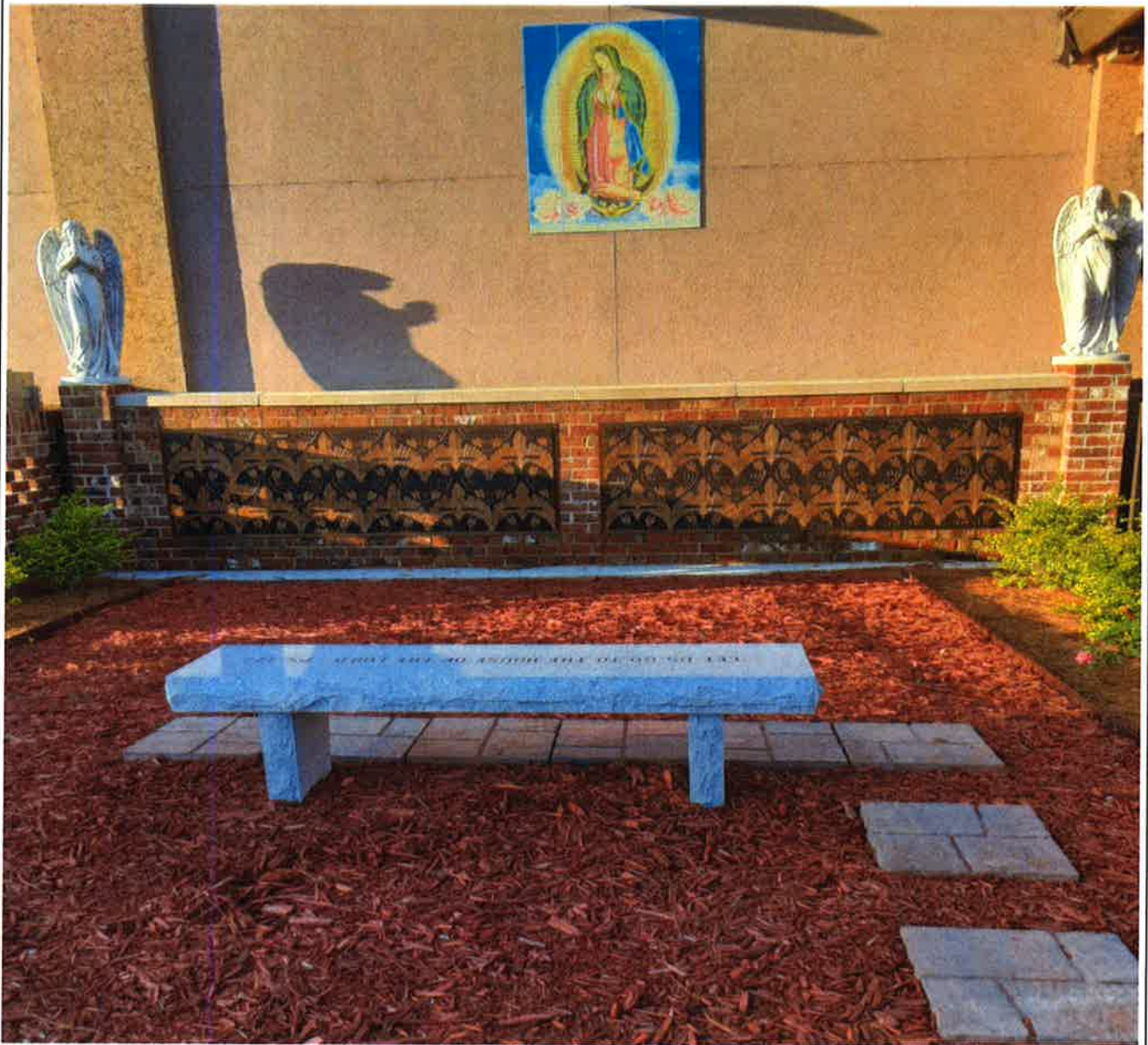
- Meet with the Priest is who is to perform the ceremony
- Bring Baptism and Confirmation certificates
- Must complete a pre-Cana (marriage) class either through the Diocese of Savannah, Arch-Diocese of Atlanta or the Diocese of St Augustine.
- Complete all necessary forms
- At least one of the witnesses **must be** Catholic.



ST PAUL'S COLUMBARIUM



*St Paul now offers a
serene and sacred place
for deceased loved ones.*



"LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD" P.S. 122



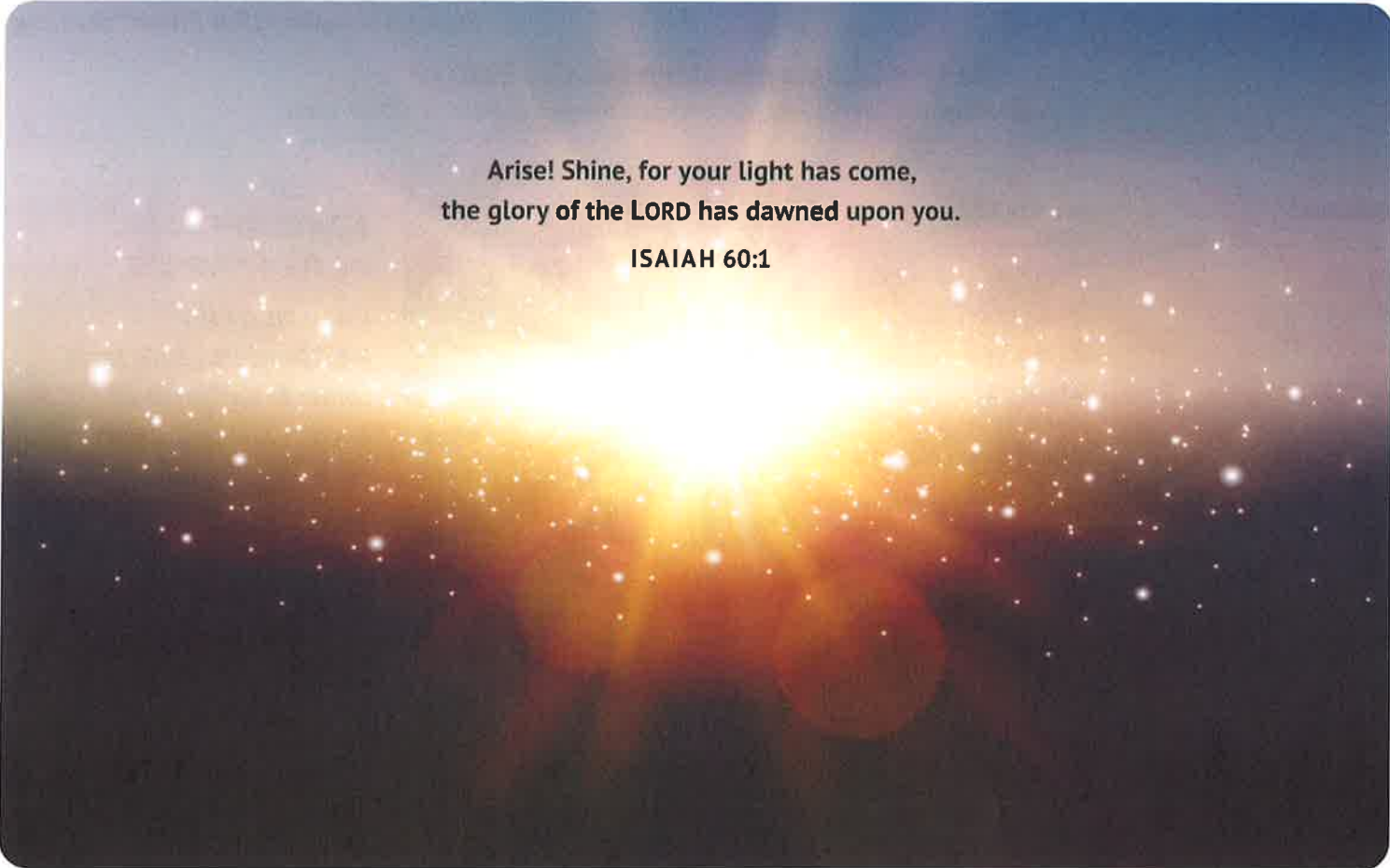
The Seekers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee. From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beneath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.

The story of the *Magi* is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sufis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God. ●



Arise! Shine, for your light has come,
the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

Reflect

Does it make sense to you to say that your deepest hunger is for God?

Dear Padre,

On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of his birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six months after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life. ●

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY

January 8

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

TUESDAY

January 9

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

January 10

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY

January 11

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY

January 13

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY

January 14

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like a rising star (see Numbers 24:17), Jesus comes to enlighten all peoples and to brighten the nights of humanity. Today, with the Magi, let us lift our eyes to heaven and ask: "Where is the child who has been born?" (Matthew 2:2). Where can we find and encounter our Lord?

**HOMILY, ROME,
JANUARY 6, 2023**